



# MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGENDA

NO. 6

DEPT.: / City Clerk's Office  
STAFF CONTACT: Claire F. Funkhouser

DATE PREPARED: June 7, 2005  
FOR MEETING OF: June 13, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the 2005 Scholarship Awards by the Rockville Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Mayor and Council are asked to assist in handing out certificates and checks to awardees who will be introduced by members of the Scholarship Committee. The winners of the 2005 scholarships are:

The Montgomery College Merit Award (\$500) will be presented to Mitra Khoshettekal by Paul Lux  
The Montgomery College Merit Award of \$500 will be presented to Edgard Spilcueta by Judith Taylor  
The Montgomery College Award of Excellence (\$1,000) will be awarded to Stephen Moffit by Patty Lopez  
The William Hanna Scholarship for the Arts (\$1,000) will be awarded to Hannah Blauvelt by the Honorable William Hanna  
The Rockville Scholarship Merit Award (\$1,000) will be awarded to Kathryn Sushinsky by Jonathan Walker  
The Rockville Scholarship Merit Award (\$1,000) will be awarded to Alyssa Nadel by Rex Bickmore  
The Rockville Scholarship Award of Excellence (\$2,000) will awarded to Jessica Chen by John Moser

**DISCUSSION:** n/a

**Options Considered:** n/a

**Fiscal Impact:** n/a

**Change in Law or Policy:** n/a

**Boards and Commissions Review:** n/a

**Next Steps:** n/a

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*Claire F. Funkhouser*

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**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

**List of members of the 2005 Scholarship Committee and biographical information about the scholarship recipients**

**Information about the Rockville Scholarship Foundation 2005 Scholarship Awards Ceremony on June 13, 2005:**

**2005 Rockville Scholarship Committee:**

Rex Bickmore, The Musical Theater Center

Linda Dawkins, EagleBank

Jennifer Greenhalgh, City of Rockville

Patty Lopez, Montgomery College

Paul A. Lux, Montgomery College

Helen Heneghan

John Moser, Chair, President of the Rockville Scholarship Foundation, Inc,

Judith Taylor, Montgomery College

Jonathan Walker, Applied Wireless LAN, Inc.

**2005 Awards Recipients:**

***Montgomery College Merit Award***

**Presented by: Paul Lux**

***Mitra Khoshettekal***

***\$500***

**Mitra Khoshettekal** is a new U.S. citizen who is supporting herself as she pursues her studies in the Montgomery College Radiology and Sonogram programs. When she arrived in the U.S., Mitra quickly learned she had to overcome many personal challenges, including learning English while working long hours. After being encouraged by one of her teachers to enroll at Montgomery College, Mitra began earning top grades as a full-time student while continuing to work 45 hours per week as a child-care professional and student aide at the school's computer lab. She also enjoys volunteering at a local nursing home and is an active member of a women's studies club, which discusses social issues and raises money for abused children and women. Mitra is on her way to earning her associate's degree in radiology and would like to someday work in a hospital.

***Montgomery College Merit Award***

**Presented by: Judith Taylor**

***Edgard Spilcueta***

***\$500***

**Edgard Spilcueta**, a native of Peru, is a wiz in his Math and Physics classes at Montgomery College. In addition to making Dean's list each semester, he voluntarily shares his knowledge with fellow students as a volunteer for Phi Theta Kappa, a student community service organization and UMAN, a nonprofit organization that assists people with low incomes. While attending school full-time, Edgard also supports his wife and family in Peru. Once he receives his associate's degree in engineering, Edgard plans to continue his studies at the University of Maryland College Park and work as an engineer in the United States.

**Montgomery College Award of Excellence**  
**Stephen Moffitt**  
**\$1,000**

**Presented by: Patty Lopez**

**Stephen Moffitt's** passion for teaching children led him to continue his education at Montgomery College in 2003. As a student in the college's innovative Teacher Education Transfer (TET) program, Stephen is pursuing the first two years of a bachelor's degree in education and teacher certification. Since returning to Montgomery College, Stephen has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while working in the school's Education department, two local elementary schools and Outback Steakhouse. In his free time, Stephen enjoys playing piano and being an active member of his church. In the future, Stephen would like to receive a bachelor's degree in education and become a kindergarten or first grade teacher.

**William Hanna Scholarship for the Arts**  
**Hannah Blauvelt**  
**\$1,000**

**Hannah Blauvelt** is an optimistic singer, writer and leader at Rockville High School. As captain of the "It's Academic" quiz team, she can regularly be seen on the "It's Academic" and "Quizmaster Challenge" television shows. An award-winning vocalist and piano player, Hannah also is an active member of the Rockville High School Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and Montgomery County Senior Honors Chorus. In addition, she has played roles in the musicals "Hello, Dolly" and "Music Man." A co-editor of the *ECHOES* literary magazine and two-year staff member of *Rampage*, the school newspaper, Hannah created a new position on the paper to ensure information is factual. She plans to major in English and secondary education at Loyola College of Baltimore. Studying abroad and pursuing a master's degree in English is in Hannah's plans for the future.

**Rockville Scholarship Merit Award**  
**Kathryn Sushinsky**  
**\$1,000**

**Presented by: Jonathan Walker**

**Kathryn Sushinsky** is an AP Scholar and championship athlete at Richard Montgomery High School. She was captain of both her club soccer and junior varsity softball teams and competed in the 4x800 meter relay Indoor Track and Field State Championship. An active volunteer and leader in her school and church organizations, Sushinsky's future will focus on civil engineering. Last summer she won a bridge building contest at an Engineering Camp at Norwich University; she will intern at the naval Surface Warfare Center this summer before she begins her civil engineering program at the University of Notre Dame. In the future she would like to design bridges, buildings and roadways.

***Rockville Scholarship Merit Award***

***Alyssa Nadel***

***\$1,000***

**Presented by: Rex Bickmore**

**Alyssa Nadel's** extraordinary passion for community volunteerism is an important part of this Richard Montgomery High School Senior's life. While demonstrating a high level of academic achievement, Alyssa performed more than 850 hours of community service during her high school career working with children primarily in camp, tutoring and health care settings. She is also an active yearbook staff member and part of the drama make-up crew. Alyssa plans to earn a degree in kindergarten and elementary education at Pennsylvania State University and upon graduation, would like to be a teacher.

***Rockville Scholarship Award of Excellence***

***Jessica Chen***

***\$2,000***

**Presented by: John Moser**

**Jessica Chen** is a notable community leader in Rockville High School and surrounding community. Her concern for cultural affairs led her to found a Culture Fest Night to encourage students to celebrate diversity. In addition to holding leadership positions in several student organizations and excelling in her academic studies, Chen is an intern at the United Nations Association, is a Rockville library assistant and a tutor. She is a skilled volleyball player as a member of the varsity girls' and co-ed teams and manager of the junior varsity team. Jessica plans to pursue a double major in international affairs and Spanish/Chinese at George Washington University. In the future, she hopes to become a Foreign Service Officer or diplomat.